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## Shipping Weight and Value; Customs District and Continent

This report presents statistics on U.S. exports and imports by air in U.S. customs district by continent arrangement. Data have been compiled from Shipper's Export Declarations (Commerce Form 7525-V) and import entries during the regular processing of statistical data on foreign trade shipments. The customs districts shown in this report are those having combined exports and imports by air valued at \$2 million or more during the preceding calendar year. A complete list of customs districts and ports is presented in Schedule D, Classification of U.S. Customs Districts and Ports for U.S. Foreign Trade Statistics, January 1, 1970 edition, as amended.

### Exports

These statistics represent exports of domestic and foreign merchandise combined and include government and nongovernment shipments of merchandise by air from the United States to foreign countries. The statistics, therefore, include Department of Defense Military Assistance Program—Grant-Aid shipments, shipments for economic assistance under the Foreign Assistance Act, and shipments of agricultural commodities under P.L. 480 (The Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954, as amended) and related laws. Shipments to U.S. Armed Forces and diplomatic missions abroad for their own use are not included in the export statistics. U.S. trade with Puerto Rico and U.S. possessions and trade between U.S. possessions are not included in this report, but exports from Puerto Rico to foreign countries are included as a part of the U.S. export statistics. Merchandise shipped through the United States in transit from one foreign country to another, when documented as such through U.S. Customs, is excluded. (Foreign merchandise that has entered the United States as an import and is subsequently reexported is not treated as in-transit merchandise, and is included in this report.) The figures in this report exclude exports of household and personal effects, shipments by mail and parcel post, and shipments of airplanes under their own power.

For security reasons, certain commodities are designated as Special Category commodities, for which security regulations place restrictions upon the export information that may be released. The data shown in this report for individual customs districts and continents exclude exports of Special Category commodities, but overall shipping weight and value totals for Special Category commodities are shown. A list of Special Category commodities may be obtained from the Bureau of the Census.

Effective September 1970, sampling procedures have been reinstated for estimating data on shipments valued \$251-\$499 to countries other than Canada. (Data for such shipments were fully compiled during January-August 1970, but sampling procedures were in effect for these shipments during October-December 1969 and for shipments valued \$100-\$499 prior to October 1969.) Therefore, effective September 1970, the statistics on exports of domestic and foreign merchandise to countries other than Canada reflect fully compiled data for shipments valued \$500 and over combined with estimated data for shipments valued \$251-\$499, based on a 50-percent probability sample of such shipments. For exports to Canada there has been no change in compiling procedures and the statistics continue to reflect fully compiled data for shipments valued \$2,000 and over combined with estimated data for shipments valued \$251-\$1,999, based on a 10-percent probability sample of such shipments. Shipping weight and value data are also estimated for shipments valued under \$251. These estimates are not included in the data shown for individual customs districts.

Since the export figures shown include estimates based on a sample of low-valued shipments, they are subject to some degree of sampling variability. The following is a rough guide to the general level of sampling variability of value totals, on a 2 chances out of 3 basis. Usually, the higher value figures will have the lower percent sampling errors.

Value totals for "Total" and "North America" of:	Proportion of cells with sampling variability of:			
	under 2%	under 5%	under 10%	under 20%
\$1,000,000 and over	.60	.75	.85	1.00
\$500,000-\$1,000,000	.20	1.00		
\$100,000-\$500,000	.30	.45	.70	1.00
\$20,000-\$100,000		.35	.70	1.00
Cells of under \$20,000	Are likely to have sampling variability from \$3,000 to \$15,000			
Value totals for continents of South America, Europe, Asia, Australia and Oceania, and Africa of:	Are likely to have sampling variability of:			
\$300,000 and over	Less than 2%			
\$100,000-\$300,000	Less than 5% with over half of the totals less than 2%			
\$20,000-\$100,000	Generally less than 10% with over half of the totals less than 5%			
Under \$20,000	Generally \$500 to \$5,000			
Cells of \$0	Generally less than \$500			

The sampling variability of shipping weight figures, in percentage terms, can be approximated by the percent sampling variability of value.

#### Imports

These statistics represent general imports, which are a combination of imports for immediate consumption

and entries into bonded warehouses. The statistics include government as well as nongovernment shipments of merchandise by air from foreign countries to the United States. However, American goods returned by the U.S. Armed Forces for their own use are excluded, U.S. trade with Puerto Rico and with U.S. possessions and trade between U.S. possessions are not included in this report, but imports into Puerto Rico from foreign countries are considered to be U.S. imports and are included. Merchandise shipped through the United States in transit from one foreign country to another, when documented as such through U.S. Customs, is not reported as imports and is excluded from the data shown in this report. (Foreign merchandise that has entered the United States as an import and is subsequently re-exported is not treated as in-transit merchandise and is included in this report.) Imports of household and personal effects, imports by mail and parcel post, and imports of airplanes under their own power are not included.

The statistics shown for individual customs districts represent fully compiled data for shipments valued \$251 and over. Data for shipments valued under \$251, reported on formal and informal entries (informal entries generally contain items valued under \$251), are estimated from a 1-percent sample. Separate shipping weight and value estimates for shipments valued under \$251 are shown. The shipping weight data are estimated from the values on the basis of constants that have been derived from an observation of the value-weight relationships in past periods.

Since the statistics showing total value of imports by all carriers include sample estimates, they are subject to sampling variability. In general, the higher value figures will have the lower percent sampling errors. Value totals of \$500,000 and over will generally have a sampling variability of less than 3 percent; value totals of under \$500,000 will generally have a sampling variability of less than \$50,000.

Table 1. Selected Customs Districts of Lading by Continent

(Data shown represent domestic and foreign merchandise. Shipments of special Category commodities are excluded from all district and continent data. Estimated shipments valued under \$25 are excluded from all district data)

Customs district	Shipping weight (1,000 pounds)										Value (1,000 dollars)						
	Total		North America		Europe		Asia		Australia and Oceania		Africa		North America		South America		
	All carriers	U.S. flag carriers	All carriers	U.S. flag carriers	Europe	South America	Africa	Australia and Oceania	All carriers	U.S. flag carriers	U.S. flag carriers	U.S. flag carriers	Europe	Asia	South America	North America	
Total, all carriers...	71,087	(X)	17,449	7,581	34,444	7,947	1,519	1,594	528,831	(X)	194,329	32,877	71,702	35,448	290,253	93,906	12,884
U.S. flag carriers....	(X)	25,502	7,292	2,207	12,113	3,046	354	309	(X)	194,329	32,877	9,102	101,061	38,791	2,429	2,664	
St. Albans, Vt. ....	(Z)	—	—	(Z)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Boston, Mass. ....	2,026	1,235	251	—	1,742	16	13	4	17,667	10,648	3,325	—	15,806	187	298	51	
Buffalo, N.Y. ....	2,228	228	282	—	21,361	304	941	—	1,828	1,828	1,828	—	192,991	—	38,183	6,753	
New York City, N.Y. ....	30,648	9,630	1,851	2,361	344	55	1	7	269,868	87,470	14,803	13,745	3,910	21	3,926	11	150
Philadelphia, Pa. ....	236	61	2	—	—	—	—	—	5,430	3,120	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Baltimore, Md. ....	39	39	29	—	10	(Z)	—	(Z)	—	125	125	83	—	50	2	—	1
Savannah, Ga. ....	585	509	199	50	307	4	—	—	25	2,862	1,670	655	564	897	56	749	—
Tampa, Fla. ....	101	34	84	16	(Z)	—	—	—	—	1,241	10	191	455	455	5	—	—
New Orleans, La. ....	282	88	272	9	1	—	—	—	—	1,131	—	466	1,061	66	1	3	—
Laredo, Tex. ....	148	67	148	1	—	—	—	—	—	463	283	449	14	—	—	—	—
El Paso, Tex. ....	95	95	95	—	(Z)	—	—	—	—	439	439	436	—	3	—	—	—
Nogales, Ariz. ....	23	21	21	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Los Angeles, Calif. ....	1,296	741	142	1,582	1,144	337	60	50,511	15,906	7,802	2,019	—	18,995	18,588	2,946	798	
San Francisco, Calif. ....	1,980	945	253	37	322	1,056	291	2	31,699	12,055	1,019	373	3,985	20,416	5,940	35	
Portland, Oreg. ....	24	24	24	—	15	(Z)	—	—	—	174	172	51	—	—	13	—	—
Seattle, Wash. ....	648	489	181	3	178	269	1	16	8,365	5,836	1,118	19	3,064	4,056	9	99	—
Anchorage, Alaska. ....	13	2	3	—	6	4	—	—	—	181	10	20	—	41	120	—	—
Honolulu, Hawaii. ....	343	201	99	—	1	126	117	—	—	1,707	1,280	155	—	45	816	691	—
Great Falls, Mont. ....	37	37	37	—	—	—	—	—	—	256	256	256	—	—	—	—	—
Pembina, N.Dak. ....	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	3	3	3	—	—	—	—	—	—
Minneapolis, Minn. ....	145	144	131	—	13	(Z)	—	(Z)	—	1,425	1,424	1,114	—	274	34	—	3
Duluth, Minn. ....	8	8	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	35	35	35	—	—	—	—	—
Detroit, Mich. ....	1,694	1,493	298	11	1,253	6	5	20	7,421	6,500	1,618	23	5,610	33	23	115	—
Chicago, Ill. ....	5,702	2,544	1,537	66	3,089	473	2	114	41,530	18,292	11,334	140	24,751	4,508	8	789	789
Cleveland, Ohio. ....	302	52	228	—	71	(Z)	3	(Z)	—	1,985	512	1,120	563	1	1	1	—
St. Louis, Mo. ....	42	24	4	20	18	(Z)	—	(Z)	—	735	60	42	17	675	1	—	—
San Juan, P.R. ....	566	488	503	52	10	(Z)	—	(Z)	—	2,063	1,021	846	529	568	1	118	—
Miami, Fla. ....	10,242	4,803	5,015	5,514	1,612	31	126	23	21,930	14,436	14,361	15,687	1,333	160	52	872	—
Houston, Tex. ....	746	328	289	52	171	108	—	—	6,721	1,790	1,240	1,240	1,833	2,760	63	6	—
Washington, D.C. ....	528	234	1	42	482	2	—	1	8,659	881	3	566	8,120	—	—	—	—
All other districts....	80	63	6	11	62	—	—	(Z)	—	509	296	49	35	326	65	35	—
Shipments under \$251....	8,133	3,847	703	2,720	930	365	1	—	19,213	(NA)	6,898	1,509	6,504	2,643	956	704	—
Special Category.....	563	181	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	13,271	7,404	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	—

— Represents zero.  
than \$500 pounds or \$300.

D Data withheld to avoid disclosure of information for security reasons.

NA Not available.

X Not applicable.

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Table 2. Selected Customs Districts of Unloading by Continent

(Estimated shipments valued under \$251 are excluded from all district data and data for U.S. flag carriers. Total columns include a small amount of shipments which are unidentified by continent)

Customs district	Shipping weight (1,000 pounds)										Value (1,000 dollars)																							
	Total		U.S. flag carriers		North America		Europe		Asia		Australia and Oceania		Africa		All carriers		U.S. flag carriers		Total		North America		South America		Europe		Asia		Australia and Oceania		Africa			
	All carriers	(X)	25,834	(X)	7,692	5,943	30,941	10,649	215	227	295,123	(X)	137,220	11,559	4,662	10,073	176,128	62,615	2,168	11,272	1,054	1,167												
Total, all carriers... U.S. flag carriers....	55,775	(X)	25,834	3,175	5,943	3,130	13,477	5,877	103	74	(X)	137,220	11,559	4,662	10,073	176,128	62,615	2,168	11,272	1,054	1,167													
St. Albans, Vt. ....	8	5	(Z)	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	38	7,900	3,946	254	7	7,480	94	3	—	—	—													
Boston, Mass. ....	1,852	1,011	35	4	1,772	18	6	2	2	23	1,546	1,359	1,366	152	27	1,202	16,684	671	9,945	671	9,945													
Buffalo, N.Y. ....	145	137	138	—	20,024	564	1,790	3,022	55	116	157,531	65,036	4,031	5,926	4,359	28	3	4,364	84	1	758													
New York City, N.Y. ....	25,370	14,202	564	5 (Z)	402	17	(Z)	2	2	17	5,238	4,549	28	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—			
Philadelphia, Pa. ....	426	323	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—			
Baltimore, Md. ....	104	99	23	(Z)	61	19	—	(Z)	—	(Z)	681	663	243	4	385	48	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
Savannah, Ga. ....	85	49	39	(Z)	45	—	—	(Z)	—	—	418	248	183	1	233	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
Tampa, Fla. ....	35	8	34	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	293	5	183	1	110	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—			
New Orleans, La. ....	264	103	258	3	2	—	(Z)	—	—	—	177	100	112	36	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—			
Laredo, Tex. ....	122	115	122	—	(Z)	—	—	—	—	—	160	117	155	—	2	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—			
El Paso, Tex. ....	21	10	21	—	(Z)	—	—	—	—	—	902	884	896	—	4	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—			
Nogales, Ariz. ....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—			
Los Angeles, Calif. ....	3,768	1,698	212	52	725	2,684	81	15	32	15	25,392	13,324	4,355	290	8,278	16,791	65	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
San Francisco, Calif. ....	3,337	2,685	39	12	235	3,020	32	(Z)	32	(Z)	25,223	18,688	944	35	1,577	22,167	497	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Portland, Ore. ....	5	5	1	—	2	2	2	2	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—			
Seattle, Wash. ....	429	302	93	—	161	173	2	—	—	—	4,439	3,354	1,754	—	996	1,566	123	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
Honolulu, Hawaii. ....	27	6	6	—	22	(Z)	—	—	—	—	129	129	9	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—			
Honolulu, Alaska. ....	77	40	11	4	51	10	—	—	—	—	846	493	15	15	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—				
Great Falls, Mont. ....	25	25	25	—	(Z)	—	—	—	—	—	448	447	440	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—				
Pembina, N.Dak. ....	6	5	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	84	84	84	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—				
Minneapolis, Minn. ....	31	26	6	—	20	5	—	—	—	—	355	319	92	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—				
Duluth, Minn. ....	3	3	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—				
Berrien, Mich. ....	747	621	126	—	609	11	—	—	—	—	3,174	2,451	432	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—				
Chicago, Ill. ....	2,994	1,159	219	6	2,049	216	2	—	—	—	20,330	10,207	2,759	17	15,163	2,517	39	36	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Cleveland, Ohio. ....	81	12	33	—	38	9	—	—	—	—	20,651	99	344	—	256	51	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—			
St. Louis, Mo. ....	30	8	4	1	24	2	—	—	—	—	128	88	5	2	98	23	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—			
San Juan, P.R. ....	1,682	390	1,281	224	174	2	—	—	—	—	2,192	585	944	282	951	11	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—			
Miami, Fla. ....	6,980	4,037	3,168	3,655	151	5	—	—	—	—	12,846	4,256	8,162	3,189	1,462	30	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—			
Houston, Tex. ....	397	231	220	35	126	15	—	—	—	—	6,913	2,633	3,599	1,75	2,827	116	296	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
Washington, D.C. ....	406	380	1	(Z)	400	4	—	—	—	—	3,337	3,219	12	(Z)	3,282	24	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
All other districts....	66	41	25	—	39	1	—	—	—	—	224	146	146	—	65	13	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—			
Shipments under \$251....	6,552	(NA)	971	162	3,847	1,369	32	63	—	—	7,989	(NA)	1,154	197	1,693	39	39	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—			

— Represents zero.

NA Not available.

Z Less than 500 pounds or \$50.

X Not applicable.